

(c) what is the number of militants trained by Pak Army during the last three months; and how many of them have infiltrated to J and K; and

(d) whether Government have taken up the matter with the Government of Pakistan, and if so, what is their reaction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Government have seen the News Item Pakistan has all along been aiding and abetting militancy in Jammu and Kashmir. The terrorists are imparted training in the use of arms/ammunition and subversive activities in various training centres established in Pak/POK.

(c) As per the available reports about 2500 militants were undergoing training at various centres in Pak/POK. It is not, however, possible to indicate the precise number of Pakistan trained terrorists having infiltrated into J and K in the last 3 months.

(d) Government have repeatedly stated that Pakistan should demonstrate its adherence to the Shimla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration by abandoning its state sponsorship of cross border terrorism and hostile propaganda against India.

Software 'Sewa 100'

2555. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH SURYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of software 'sewa 100' developed by an young IPS Officer in U.P. for effective policing;

(b) if so, what is Government's response to this software;

(c) whether this software is better and cheaper than the similar software available in the market; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to reward that officer suitably?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Changes in the Police Act

†2556. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH SURYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no basic changes have been made in the Police Act since 1861;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to review the modus operandi of Police;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether any consideration would be given to such proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The National Police Commission in its 8th Report recommended replacement of Police Act, 1861. Police is a State subject as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution and it is primarily for the State Governments to have their own Police Acts enacted. Some of the State Governments have made their own Police Acts.

(c) to (e) A Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri K. Padmanabiah has been constituted by the Govt. to suggest structural changes in the Police to meet the challenges India would face in the new millennium. The Committee is yet to submit its report to the Government.

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.